

### New Year, New President



West Liberty University has officially welcomed Dr. W. Franklin Evans as the 37th university president. Relocating all the way from South Carolina, Dr. Evans said "...I'm excited about getting fully here and invested in the community." With 25 years of experience in education Evans extensive resume includes Voorhees College, South Carolina State University, Virginia Union University, Tennessee State University and much more. Dr. Evans is also active in the NAACP, Black Family Preservation Group, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and a board member for the Boys and Girls Club and Sickle Cell Association. Just to name a few things he does to keep busy. Dr. Evans has said his priorities are continuing to reach new enrollment goals and the students' |expectations and maintaining the university's financial stability. Overall, he is excited to get started and already finding the West Liberty community welcoming.

An easy-to-read bulletin designed to keep you informed about important dates, deadlines, and discussions you should be having with your college freshman to help promote academic and personal success

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### Important Dates:

**Feb 2-March 30:** COVID Surveillance Testing begins. Every week on Tuesdays.

**Feb 26:** Last day to add second half courses

**March 12:** Mid-term

**March 13:** Second half classes begin

**March 31:** Two-thirds point of semester; last day to Withdraw with a "W"

**April 5:** Pre-registration for Fall 2021 semester begins

[2020-2021 Academic Calendar](#)



### Keeping You in The Know

A couple weeks in and West Liberty is in full swing. As we do everything we can to adapt to continued learning during the pandemic, maintaining normalcy is all the more important. Classes are occurring as a mix of in-person and virtual. The deadline to add/enroll in a course passed as of January 28. It's not too early to think about mid-term exams. The official midpoint of the spring semester is March 12. Ask your student how classes are going so far. Then ask if they've been meeting with their advisor or the Peer Tutors in the Learning & Student Development Center.

### Planning Events Safely!

- All events are to be pre-approved through a Campus Event Form
- Under 25 people and with masks and distancing as the space allows
- Encouraged to book larger spaces
- Virtual events continue to be an option
- Students can register for a variety of intramural sports. This month will include; volleyball, ping pong, and badminton
- Topper Idol is every Wednesday in February! This is a singing competition

### Staying Healthy this Semester

Being healthy is more important than ever. On-campus health services are still available for students by appointment. They can call 304-336-8049 with questions. Mental and emotional health should also be priority with added stress of COVID impacting the student experience. Encourage your student to call 304-336-8215, email [lwitzberger@westliberty.edu](mailto:lwitzberger@westliberty.edu), or access it through their WINS account, if you feel they would benefit.

### New Hilltoppers!

- Robert Wes Talkington– newly promoted to Full-time Campus Police Officer
- William Carney– newly appointed Support Services Coordinator in the Learning and Student Development Center
- Christina Hardman– newly appointed Athletics Operations Specialist
- Matt Tesla– newly hired Custodial Supervisor as West Liberty
- Mason Werner– New Graduate Program Coordinator who from undergraduate to adjunct professor has always been a Hilltopper.

### Let's Help Hilltoppers!

Helping Hilltoppers is a charitable fund intended to assist students amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. They are still looking for donations to hit the \$75,000 goal. Donate here: [wlufoundation.org/helpwlu](http://wlufoundation.org/helpwlu) or call 304-336-5635.

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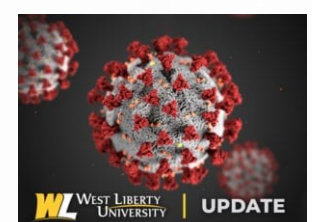
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